

December 2004
CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol

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Overview



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The winter weather conditions have continued throughout the Command during the month of December. Despite the several days of winter weather, road restrictions, and hazardous driving conditions total crashes only increased by 5 or 4.3%. Overall activity increased by 73 violations or 2.8% when compared to November. Of the total number of crashes, 54 or 44.6% occurred during the holiday travel period when a severe winter storm struck the Command. Crashes involving commercial vehicles comprised 21.3% of the total crashes, increasing from 18.8% recorded the previous month.

Of the 122 total crashes handled by Central Command personnel, 3 involved fatalities for a 50% increase. Property damage crashes also increased by 5 or 5.7% when compared to the previous month. However, injury crashes decreased by one or 3.6% also when compared to the previous month. DUI crashes increased an alarming 150% when compared to November and will be addressed through the Command's "SafeStat" process in January as will the commercial vehicle accident increase of 18.2%. It should be noted that of the 26 commercial vehicle crashes, 12 or 46%, were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. This is up from 7 recorded the previous month.

For the second straight month the Central Command has recorded an increase in over all activity of 2.8% despite winter weather conditions. The most notable increases occurred in the total persons arrested category of 23.1%, the hazardous moving violations category of 28.7% and the occupant restraint category of 23.1% when compared to November. In addition to these increases, Traffic Enforcement personnel also completed 249 Level 3 driver's inspections in December and issued 162 safety violation citations. The Command's Commercial Operation Section also showed substantial increases in the total trucks weighed category of 69.3% and total dyed fuel inspections of 55.2%. Even though decreases are noted in total safety violations and total drivers and vehicles placed out of services, total safety inspections conducted increased by 13%. This would indicate that more drivers and vehicles were in compliance at the time of being inspected when compared to the previous month.

Overall the Central Command has continued its efforts to provide the highest quality of service to the motoring public and I thank its members for a job well done.

January 6, 2005

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	December-04		December-03	% Change		November-04	% Change
Total Crashes	122		143	-14.7%		117	4.3%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	92		100	-8.0%		87	5.7%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	27		39	-30.8%		28	-3.6%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3		4	-25.0%		2	50.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	5		3	66.7%		2	150.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3		7	-57.1%		2	50.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3		2	50.0%		1	200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	26		16	62.5%		22	18.2%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	23		11	109.1%		16	43.8%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3		4	-25.0%		6	-50.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.5%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.1%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 21.3%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- ☒ Total crashes increased slightly by 4.3% or 5 additional crashes.
- ☒ Total crashes for this December declined by 14.7% when compared to last year.
- ☒ In December 2004, 44.6% or 54 crashes occurred during the holiday travel period.
- ☒ 37 of these 54 crashes were weather related from winter storms that moved through the Command.
- ☒ The three fatal crashes resulted from single vehicle rollovers in which the driver was unseatbelted in each.
- ☒ DUI crashes increased from 2 to 5 when compared to November. The average BAC was not available.
- ☒ Commercial vehicles involved in crashes increased by 4 crashes. Of the 26 crashes involving commercial vehicles, 12, or 46%, were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver; 8 were animal related; 3 were the fault of drivers of passenger vehicles; with 2 due to high winds; and the remaining one due to mechanical failure.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

	December-04	December-03	% Change	November-04	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	5	3	66.7%	2	150.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	19	9	111.1%	19	0.0%
Other Arrests	124	41	202.4%	105	18.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	64	28	128.6%	52	23.1%
Speed violations	1380	1211	14.0%	1468	-6.0%
Hazardous moving violations	229	212	8.0%	178	28.7%
Occupant restraint violations *	240	150	60.0%	195	23.1%
Total violations [above violations included]	2706	2086	29.7%	2633	2.8%
Commercial Enforcement					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	22	11	100.0%	2	1000.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	10	7	42.9%	62	-83.9%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	627	460	36.3%	555	13.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	66	89	-25.8%	135	-51.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	739	675	9.5%	811	-8.9%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	9	30	-70.0%	18	-50.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	10	26	-61.5%	48	-79.2%
Total school buses inspected	65	53	22.6%	60	8.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	10	15	-33.3%	12	-16.7%
Total trucks weighed	342	4	8450.0%	202	69.3%
Total overweight citations	2	0	200.0%	1	100.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	585	430	36.0%	377	55.2%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]						
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
December-04	249	162	429	32	142	0
November-04	270	154	547	24	135	1
% Change	-7.8%	5.2%	-21.6%	33.3%	5.2%	-100.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- ☒ Overall activity increased by 2.8%, or 73 additional violations.
- ☒ DUI arrests prior to crash, 19, was the same as in November. The average BAC was .128.
- ☒ Commercial vehicles inspected by Commercial Operations personnel increased by 13%.
- ☒ On secondary highways, Commercial personnel conducted 267 dyed fuel inspections in 182.3 hours of directed enforcement.
- ☒ Commercial personnel spent 279 hours of weight enforcement on secondary highways weighing 118 vehicles, while weighing 224 vehicles on interstate highways.
- ☒ Commercial personnel participated in New Year's Eve enforcement program in Las Vegas for three days.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	December-04	December-03	% Change	November-04	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	72,533	65,246	11.2%	68875	5.3%
CAD incidents	9159	7198	27.2%	9033	1.4%
Telephone Calls	11,424	N/A	#VALUE!	9796	16.6%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	109	138	-21.0%	143	-23.8%
Arrest Reports Processed	64	37	73.0%	62	3.2%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	12	13	-7.7%	19	-36.8%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	237	N/A	#VALUE!	162	46.3%
Warrants Entered	506	293	72.7%	7	7128.6%
Warrants Cleared	150	89	68.5%	164	-8.5%
Warrants Validated	2071	1508	37.3%	1938	6.9%
Extradition / Transports	5	N/A	#VALUE!	3	66.7%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	19	12	58.3%	38	-50.0%
New Items Submitted	25	177	-85.9%	101	-75.2%
Items Disposed	0	191	-19100.0%	2	-200.0%

Contract Service overtime for December was 575 hours resulting from 16 contracts totaling \$33,381.

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- ☒ Radio transmissions increased by 5.3% as did CAD incidents generated 1.4%.
- ☒ Accident and Incident/Officer Reports processed by Front Office personnel declined when compared to November, 24% and 37% respectively. Two additional arrest reports were processed.
- ☒ All other processes for the Front Office are as current as possible.
- ☒ Warrants received increased by over 46%. Warrants entered showed an increase of 7129%. This was due to holding warrants in November for the training of the Trooper newly assigned to that position. Warrants cleared declined by 14. Validated warrants increased by 7%.
- ☒ Warrant entry is approximately one month behind. This is due to the transition to the new warrant officer.
- ☒ New cases submitted to the evidence vault declined by 50%. This also related to a decline in the number of new items submitted. No items were disposed of in December.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- ☒ Shop With A Cop fundraisers and events took place from December 6 – 11. Over \$30,000 was raised. The event took place on Saturday, December 11th. There were 105 children selected with 95 officers and emergency personnel from a variety of agencies participating. The event began with breakfast at Café X at Great Basin Community College and photos with Santa taken by Gene Russell Photography. At the conclusion of breakfast, there was a parade down Idaho St. to the Elko K-Mart. The shopping spree then began. Over 300 volunteers were on hand to assist during the entire event. The Shop With A Cop program continues to be a huge success in the Elko area.
- ☒ The Division participated in a Career Fair at Eureka High School with about 200 students attending.
- ☒ Four students attended the Family Vehicle Safety Program for Child Safety Seat violations.
- ☒ A driver education program with 25 students attending was held at Spring Creek High School.
- ☒ A juvenile occupant protection program and review of statutes applying to juveniles was held at Elko Junior High School for 150 students.

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